

Experience CHINA Itinerary

Day 1 18 October Depart home

Depart Melbourne (or your closest capital city) on Singapore Airlines via Singapore to Shanghai.

Day 2 19 October Arrive Shanghai

Upon arrival at Shanghai (6.30am), our local Tour Leader will meet us at the airport before a private transfer to our hotel. We will store luggage, refresh and then head out for breakfast before returning for check in. We meet our Tour Leader for a briefing in the early afternoon and head to the Shanghai museum. This evening we will enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant and try out some delicacies from Eastern China. After dinner, we may head to the lovely "M on the Bund Glamour Bar" for a cocktail, overlooking the famous "Bund".

Accommodation: Grand Central Hotel Shanghai / 5 star

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 3 20 October Shanghai Tour

After breakfast you will have your first lesson with Leanne Beasley at the hotel. (9.00am – 12.00pm). Time for lunch before a visit to Yuyuan Garden & old China town. Afterwards, join an easy walk on the Bund with a Huangpu River boat tour or see the Jinmao Tower sky-views. This evening, the group will enjoy included night entertainment: Acrobatic Show Shanghai.

Accommodation: Grand Central Hotel Shanghai / 5 star

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 21 October Train to Hangzhou

After breakfast, a tour to Old French Concession of Shanghai followed by a walk to the Nanjing Avenue, the largest shopping avenue in China. You will have time to shop before we transfer to Hong Qiao Railway station for our direct train to Hangzhou. Upon arrival we will be transferred to the hotel located next to West Lake. Take the time this afternoon to enjoy the facilities of the hotel, some stitching time or a leisurely walk around the lake before we meet for dinner.

Accommodation: Shangri-La Hotel Hangzhou / 5 star

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5 22 October Hangzhou

In the morning there is no need to leave the hotel as you will join Leanne Beasley for your second lesson to be held in one of the conference rooms. (9.00am – 12.00pm) Afterwards our Tour Leader will take us to see the Ling Yin Temple the Flying Peak. Dinner is a feast of local cuisine by the lake.

Accommodation: Shangri-La Hotel Hangzhou / 5 star

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 6 23 October Silk & Embroidery

Visit the famous Embroidery Workshop & Store of Hangzhou and explore the Silk Museum of Hangzhou. Afterwards join a lesson and briefing of Embroidery Hangzhou by one of the embroidery master. In the afternoon, there will be free time to enjoy the hotel, take time for more stitching or take in an optional (price included) tour to Long Jing Village to experience the Art of Chinese green tea including planting and cultivating tea. Dinner is again a feast of local specialities.

Accommodation: Shangri-La Hotel Hangzhou / 5 star

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 7 24 October Bus to Suzhou

After breakfast, the bus takes us from Hangzhou to Suzhou. En route explore the Wuzhen Water Town – beautiful old houses, old courtyards and bridges, and the canal full of traditional wooden boats. Continue to Suzhou and spend the afternoon exploring the Shiquan Street (the cultural centre of Suzhou) or just relax. This evening there is night entertainment included with a traditional Chinese show at the ‘Master of the Nets’ Garden, the only garden open to the public in the evening.

Accommodation: Garden Hotel Suzhou

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 8 25 October Workshop at the Embroidery Institute

The day is reserved for exploring the local Silk workshop and the museum of Embroidery Institute, including its gardens. An embroidery master teaches the art of Su Embroidery, before our Tour Leader guides us through the Humble Administrators Garden in the afternoon before free time at our hotel. There is a lovely garden courtyard at the hotel to use for the 3rd lesson with Leanne. (3.00pm – 6.00pm) This evening will be our final celebratory dinner.

Accommodation: Garden Hotel Suzhou

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 9 26 October Explore Suzhou/Depart Shanghai

After breakfast, either there is free time at the hotel or head out to explore more gardens of Suzhou. In the afternoon, transfer to Shanghai (Pudong) Airport for home bound flight.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 27 October Arrive Home (am)

PRACTICAL DETAILS:

Price / Inclusions / Exclusions

AUD \$4595.00 per person twin share (ex Mel/Syd/Bne/Per/Adl)

AUD \$990 single supplement

NB. Leanne and Annette will depart on the Melbourne to Singapore flight. Singapore Airlines fly direct (to Singapore) from Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane & Perth. All flights will meet us in Singapore to connect to Shanghai.

Included:

- English speaking Chinese Tour Leader for the entire trip
- Melbourne Travel Agent Escort – Annette Dal Sasso
- Tuition hosted by Leanne Beasley
- Fully kitted projects by Leanne Beasley
- Accommodation on a twin share basis (single supplement offered)
- Economy Class flights on Singapore Airlines.
- Airport taxes including fuel surcharges and departure taxes.
- Private air conditioned coach (35 seat) for land arrangements
- Meals as described in itinerary
- Entrance fees included as described
- All day trains in second class, soft seat

Not included:

- Beverages for meals
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Gratuities to guides and drivers
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance
- Visa for China



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Important Visa & Travel document information:

A current passport with at least 6 months validity is required to enter China.
A tourist visa is required for China and will be arranged by Annette Dal Sasso.

Currency Notice:

Prices are quoted in Australian Dollars. Hawthorn Travel does not pre purchase foreign currency. This means that the price of this tour is subject to immediate payment should we experience significant currency fluctuations.

Travel Insurance:

Travel Insurance is compulsory and can be arranged by Annette Dal Sasso. If you have your own insurance, proof of this policy must be provided.

Vaccinations:

It is your responsibility to have appropriate vaccinations. For details and professional advice see:
<http://www.traveldoctor.com.au/vaccination.html>

EXPERIENCE CHINA 2014

REGISTRATION FORM

Yes, I would like to participate in the group tour for October 2014, China.

Deposit of **\$1500.00 per person is required to secure space.**

Twin share cost is \$4595.00 – Single supplement is \$975.00

Please make your deposit cheque payable to HAWTHORN TRAVEL. You can pay by direct deposit into our account, please use your surname as the reference and email accounts@hawthorntravel.com.au to advise of your payment. Credit Card payments are accepted; however merchant fees are applicable. A 2% fee applies to Visa and MasterCard payments and a 3% fee applies to American Express payments.

Due to limited numbers, allocation will be given to early deposits received.

Terms & Conditions:

1. A deposit of \$1500.00 is required to secure your space.
2. The price listed is subject to change if capacity has not been reached. A minimum of 20 passengers is required.
3. The price listed has been calculated based on the current Australian/US Dollar exchange rate. If this rate falls at the time of final payment, a re-calculation will be required.
4. If you cancel your booking prior to final payment being made, a refund less cancellation fees of \$750.00 will be awarded as long as minimum group numbers can be filled.
5. At 60 days prior to departure; full payment must be received.
6. If your booking is cancelled within 60 days of departure, full cancellation charges apply and no refund will be given.
7. Travel Insurance is compulsory; please speak to Annette regarding this.
8. A copy of a valid passport is required prior to final payment being received.
9. A visa for China is required and an additional charge will apply.

I have read and accept the terms and conditions shown.

Signed:

_____ Dated ____/____/____

PASSENGER DETAILS: (ONE FORM PER PASSENGER PLEASE)

IF TWO OF YOU ARE TRAVELING TOGETHER, PLEASE NOTE THIS ON YOUR FORM.

Title: Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss, Dr, Other.....

Surname:

Given Names:

(Names must be as per passport)

Date of Birth:

Special Dietary Requirements:

Twin/Single:

Share Preference (if any, with whom):

Smoking/Non Smoking

Medical Issues:

Address No/Street

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Suburb.....

State:.....Post Code.....

Phone: B/H..... A/H.....

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(Please print clearly with capital letters)

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